Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—A statement containing information asked for is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Protection—Depressed Classes.

114. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council table their scheme, if any, of carrying on the protection of the Depressed Classes, by the Department of the Protector of the Depressed Classes?

Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the report dated 4th April 1930, C. N. 9264 of 1104 appended to Diwan's Proceedings, dated 2nd June 1930, C. 3109 of 1104 and published in the Gazette dated 28th Mithunam 1105.

Departments reserved for caste=Hindus.

115. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(a) the names of the departments and sub-divisions in the departments in the service of the Cochin Government where

(1) caste-Hindus alone are entertained,

(2) non-caste Hindus are dissallowed from holding office,

(3) Christians, Muslims and non-caste Hindus are so disallowed,

(b) he number of such appointments in each;

(c) the pay of the highest officer in each;

(d) the total pay disbursed annually in each of these departments;

(e) the total travelling allowance disbursed annually in each?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are only 3 departments in which caste Hindus alone are entertained, the Palace, the Military and the Devaswam. In accordance with Cochin Legislative Council Rules 71 (a) and (b) the statements relating to them are not furnished.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are the services in these three departments kept separate from the services of other Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not quite follow what the Hon'ble Member exactly means.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are the officers from other departments transferred to these departments and officers from these departments to others?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Transfers are being made.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is the period that they served in these departments also taken into consideration separately?

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